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UNION STATE CONVENTION.

The majority of the Central Committee appointed by the Union Convention of the State of Kentucky, that assembled in Louisville on the 1st of March, 1861, have issued their decision to call another Convention:

Therefore, it is resolved that the voters of our State who stand upon and endorse the platform adopted by the Union Convention of the 1st of March last, and who desire to carry it out, be requested to select delegates to a new convention to be held at Louisville on the 23rd of May next, for the purpose of forming a State electoral-ticket, and selecting delegates to the Union Conservative National Convention to be held in the city of Chicago on the 4th of June next.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1864.

SUPPLYING THE REBELS.—The developments made by the New York Times, the truth of which seems justified by documents, are of the most astounding character. There have been floating rumors during this entire spring that the leading men of the rebel Confederacy were anxious to exchange cotton for Federal currency, and that the most was being done to be ready to obtain the much-needed funds to accomplish their separation, through Mexico, to other colonies; and these rumors have now assumed a documentary shape which merits attention. It is true that the affair as developed is thus far like the incantations of the weird sisters in Macbeth, not exactly "dead without a name," which is void in law, but a contract with only one party to it, which is equally invalid. The proposition made by Mr. John T. Chisholm, of Arkansas, to the rebels magnates at Richmond develops a plan to feed the Confederate armies by exchanging cotton in the loyal States for provisions, or, in other words, to depose King Cotton, cut up his estate, divide out the pieces, and barter them for bread and beef. Who Chisholm is—whether he belongs to the Radical "Old Guard" or to the Carpetbag "of that ilk," or is a member of the palatial palace of Chickasaw, or some other foreign power, we are not informed, but he tells the Richmond slaveholders, that he is the Joseph, who can save them from famine, fill their granaries and their dove-yards, and he boasts that he has special facilities for effecting these things within the Union Army. The only importance to be particularly attached to this is, if Chisholm is not a myth, he has come in under the amnesty, taken the oath, obtained Federal protection and set up a wholesale provision, forwarding, and commission establishment, under the Treasury regulations, to restrict trade with the insurrectionary districts? The points which are developed seem to be that the rebel General Kirby Smith in his Mississippi Department has negotiated with parties in the loyal States, with full knowledge and consent of the Jeff Davis government, to exchange the non-convertible scrip for food, clothing, munitions of war, or whatever else the pressing needs of the rebels may require. The War Secretary, Seddon, one of his quackmasters, and Mr. Chisholm, have or seem to have had the supervision of the whole transaction.

We cannot tell, and perhaps we shall never know, the whole-truth of this business, as in these Indian transactions, the moccasin tracks are usually very carefully covered to conceal the trail, but Seddon's letter clearly states that this alleged new contract is not the first of the kind into which the rebels have entered, and the Union traffickers have been so anxious to trade that the Secretary has seen proper to fix his conditions, and demand that the contracts should be based "on the prices before the war," or "to have four pounds of meat for three of cotton;" but he has been more exacting, and, as if suspecting that the man who would sell beef to an enemy must be a sharp rogue at a bargain, and not to be trusted further than one of his own bunch could be, during the talk, he has agreed to pay him positively in gold, and the payment should not be delivered except in payment, and after the provisions were received." It will be observed, that, however practicable the Chisholm plan may have been at one time, it is now impossible to carry it out, for our complete occupation of the valley of the Mississippi has precluded all chance of sending provisions secretly to the rebels. This transaction was originated, it would appear, before the rebels had abandoned the idea of reoccupying New Orleans, for it was expressly stipulated that the exchanged cotton should not be consigned to nor reshipped from that city.

With our present means of information our speculations must necessarily be very vague upon the genuineness of these documents. We publish them in full as curiosities of the war; they include Senator Seddon's order and the authorized agreement between the rebel Quartermaster at Mr. Chisholm, the latter being drawn with all the care of an accomplished workman, providing for the safe-keeping of a large army, and pledging the Chisholm heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to the faithful and honest carrying out of the act of supreme rascality. It may be that, in investigating this case out of the books of the rebels, we may find that some of the rebels, garrison necessities of life in bazaar, it seems to us, that there should be an active movement in the hemp market, and that the miscreants who have been thus engaged should manifest an upward tendency.

Reader, if you could have looked in upon Gen. Grant at dinner in his tent while he commanded the army before Vicksburg, you would have beheld him enjoying his pork and beans and glasses of cold water. And then, if you had whisked through the air to the kitchen of the headquarters of a Colonel and peeped into the Headquarters of a Colonel or Major or Captain, you might have seen the occupant feasting upon roast beef or turkey and drinking his Madeira or champagne.

A man, said to be crazy, made his way the other day into the President's presence and entered upon a vehement harangue, insisting that he himself has a right to the Presidential chair. He was handed over to the police. Now we move, in behalf of the country, that the fellow, whether crazy or not, have a fair and full hearing.

The Boston Post says that Senator Gratz Brown has taken the wind out of the sails of his brother officials. One would think, from his enormous supply of wind, that he has taken it out of all the sails about upon all possible oceans.

An abolitionist is always talking about the battle-field, but he is apt to take good care never to "put his foot in it."

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**TO DEALERS.**—On and after the 1st of April we will charge three cents per copy for the Journal. Necessity obliges us to make this advance. Should there be any deduction in the price of labor or paper, we will reduce.

**In** pursuance of a call by the Central Committee of the Union Democratic party, a meeting of the citizens of the Sixth (late Fourth) Ward will be held at Apollo Hall, on the corner of First and Jefferson streets, on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, to select delegates to the convention to be held in the city of Louisville on the 30th of May next.

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.**—The newly-elected Boards of the City Council met at the city building last night, and effected an organization. The Board of Aldermen, Joshua R. Brown was elected President; Oliver P. Clark, Clerk; and Aaron Sastor, Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Loughlin had his nomination unanimously elected. The officers elected in the Common Council are: Wm. F. Barrett, President; J. M. Vaughan, Clerk; and C. W. Tiller, Sergeant-at-Arms. Both Boards adjourned to meet again on Thursday night.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CONVENTION.**—We fall into line, calling the meeting at Bromonton. It will be held on Saturday, the 10th instant, to appoint delegates to the Union Democratic Convention, for the purpose of forming a State electoral ticket, to select delegates to the Union Conservative National Convention which meets at Chicago, on the 4th of July. Those who favor the Kentucky platform of March 18, 1863, will, we earnestly hope, give attention to this call.

**TREASURER.**—The "liquid noines mellifluously sweet" of Gounod's Faust fall more deliciously upon the ear by repetition, and the more we are enabled to forget Goethe's poem the more we can enjoy the lyric drama. The whole second act is a succession of gems, the various choruses are blended and twined so dexterously, and such marvellous combinations are effected, that pleasure and wonder equally predominate by turns. The bold and striking contrast between the wail of Margarete's grief and the Cathedral music show that the author feels every confidence in his own gift. The military and naval military choruses are noble and showy. We cannot but regret the taste which brings the chock-full red and blue pyrotechnics into use for they add nothing to the effect of the music or the situations. So too the apotheosis of Margarete, with seantly draped lyre figures as attendant angels, ascending on stage "sloats" with moveable horizons, has not any of the deep, impressive, and religious effect which the simple melody of the finale would impart. Suppose we should try the same experiment with Egger, in Lucia, after he has swan-like, faded in music, to "bella innamorata," what would be thought of it? Gounod's Faust, in its musical loveliness, needs not the foreign aid of "star carpentry," nor the villainous smell of stronian and blue blazes.

This evening we are to have Donizetti's Lucretia Borgia, or the most popular opera we have had performed in this country. Its original representation would have been a complete failure but for the pleasing effect of the Brindisi, which re-dreamed it, though afterwards the opera became, and still continues, a great favorite in Italy. It is full of delicious melodies; nothing can be more finely flowing than the swell of the opening chorus, "Bella Venezia," while the arias, "Com' a bello" and "Di pescatore," and the brilliant finale to the first act; the Duke's "Mai per costei insani," the chorus of the guards, "Non far motto," the scene between the Duke and Lucretia, "Soli noi siamo," with its alternate threaths and pleadings; the very dramatic trio "Gua! ti sfuge un moto," the sparkling drinking song, "Il segreto per esser felici," which is not omitted, as it is to be seen, with wailing grief and despair of Lucretia's "Bella," and the final, and all in Donizetti's most inspired style. As far as we have made Lucretia, Karl Formes as Alfonso of Ferrara, Stefani as Gennaro, and M. de Moreas as Mauro Orsini, we may anticipate the most perfect satisfaction. The evening's performances are announced for the benefit of the Morsani, whose pleasing manners, highly cultivated voice, and artistic method have made her the special favorite of the company. We are in hope that our hot-houses will be drawn upon to offer floral tokens of esteem to her on this occasion.

**NOTICE.**—About one week ago, the steamer U. S. Grant left the Louisville wharf freighted with a cargo for Memphis and the Mississippi river. She passed through the canal, and Capt. Lockhart, keeper of the locks, in collecting the toll, received from the clerk of the boat a one dollar bill, which he gave to the next day, the bill was found to be a forged. The Captain reported the fact to Capt. Vaughan, who immediately telegraphed to the Provost Marshal of Cairo to stop the boat on passing that point, and, if the clerk could not satisfactorily explain how he came into possession of the bill, to place him under arrest and return him, under guard, to this city. Col. Vaughan received a reply to his despatch yesterday afternoon. The clerk denied having any knowledge of the baseness of the bill when he passed it on Capt. Lockhart. He says that a few hours before the admission of the bill, he had taken up his residence in the rear of the hotel, and engaged passage for Cairo, handing his one hundred dollar bill, from which he deducted the price of passage, and returned to them the proper change. The men then went ashore, saying that they would send their baggage aboard, in a few minutes. The boat left the advertised hour, but nothing more was seen of the individual, who, with out doors, were soon discovered in the counterfeiting into extensive circulation. The clerk of the Grant, when informed of the result being counterfeited, promptly handed over the amount in genuine bills to be refunded to Capt. Lockhart. The authorities exonerate him from all blame.

**The** Bazaar over Louisville.—This ragtime, which was organized at Canal Dover, and took the field under Col. H. E. Erdahl, January, 1863, with about 500 men, has soon service at Corinth Iuka, before Vicksburg, and in the southwest generally. The regiment reached our city on Monday, from Huntsville, Ala., with 310 re-enlisted veterans, under command of Major David Keels, and started home yesterday on furlough and to recruit its ranks. It was a proud distinction when attached to Sherman's celebrated 15th army corps.

**Mrs. Caine,** who keeps a low coffee-house on the levee, was arrested by order of the Provost Marshal yesterday, charged with selling liquor to soldiers. On account of the helpless condition of her family, the Marshal imposed but a light sentence on the offender. She was sent to the barracks to be confined at least in the Boundary room for three days. On Monday, the Louisville Hotel bar was temporarily closed, for visiting the general order prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to soldiers.

**The Late Captain Facon.**—The remains of the lamented Capt. Wm. H. Facon, late of the 34th Kentucky infantry, were received by his afflicted family and friends from Union land Gap, yesterday. The funeral service will be performed at the Shely Street Methodist Episcopal Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

**At** a meeting of the Board of Trade last night, the following officers were elected: R. J. Monroe, President; J. Barksdale, Thos. P. Hughes, and J. B. Smith, Vice-Presidents; J. R. Wheat, Secretary; and H. G. Murrell, Treasurer.

**LECTURES AT THE FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL.**—Bar. Mr. McDevitt, Pastor of the Walnut street Presbyterian Church, will deliver the next lecture at this school, to-day, at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends of education are invited to attend.

**COURTS MARTIAL.**—In Colonel John's court, the argument of the Judge Advocate in the case of Herkimer was yesterday, and the sentence pronounced. It adjourned sine die. A new court-martial will be convened this morning, in the place of the old, with the following members: Lieutenant-Colonel T. E. Barnes, 16th Kentucky volunteers; Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. Spalding, 37th Kentucky volunteers; Major Alexander Magruder, 27th Kentucky; Captain J. H. Ashcraft, 26th Kentucky; Captain E. S. Aleckir, 24th Ohio heavy artillery; Captain O. W. Hoy, 62d Kentucky; Lieut. Alfred Pirtle, 10th Ohio volunteers; and Captain F. E. Walcott, 20th Kentucky volunteers, Judge Advocate.

**Before** the new court-martial and military commission, which Lieutenant-Colonel Barnes is President, Daniel C. Webb, 11th Connecticut, invalid corps, was yesterday examined and tried on three charges. The first, the neglect of duty to the prejudice of good order and military discipline; the second, leaving his guard without authority, in violation of the 50th article of war; the third, selling clothing, the property of the United States, issued to him by an office in the United States. Captain William D. Dunn, company F, 20th Kentucky volunteer infantry, will be arraigned before the court to-day on two charges and four specifications. The first charge is signing a false certificate relative to his pay; the second, conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The case is one of deep interest, and the record, no doubt, will be voluminous. Twenty witnesses are summoned for the prosecution and defense.

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